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C. VIENNA 10144, DEC 4, 1975

1. PURSUANT TO REF B USDEL PC-VI OBTAINED APPOINTMENT

WITH KHANE ON DEC 10 (LAST DAY OF PC-VI) TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR AMERICAN CANDIDATES AT SENIOR SECRETARIAT LEVELS IN LIGHT OF REORGANIZATION AND KHANE'S REQUEST FOR THREE ASG POSTS. UNFORTUNATELY, MEETING WAS INTERRUPTED SHORTLY AFTER IT BEGAN BY SUMMONS TO KHANE ATO ATTEND CLOSING OF PC SESSION. KHANE DEPARTED VIENNA THE FOLLOWING DAY AND WAS AWAY FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES UNTIL OPENING OF COW MEETING ON UNIDO STATUTES JAN 7. PERM REP CALLED ON KHANE JAN 16 TO PICK UP THE DISCUSSION.

2. KHANE OPENED BY CALLING ATTENTION TO GA DECISION TO ALLOW HIM ONE ASG POST AND TO THE MOST RECENT SENIOR LEVEL REASSIGNMENTS IN UNIDO (REF A). ON THE LATTER HE ASKED WHETHER WE FOUND NAPOLIELLO'S ASSIGNMENT TO THE POLICY COORDINATION DIVISION "INTERESTING". WE ACKNOWLEDGED THE POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF THE POST IN THE REORGANIZED SECRETARIAT AND THE INTEREST WHICH IT

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THUS NAUTRALLY HELD FOR THE US, COVERING AS IT DID SUCH

IMPORTANT MATTERS AS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION, NEGOTIATION (AND CONSULTATIONS) AND RELATIONS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. KHANE SAID HE ASSUMED WE WOULD BE PLEASED WITH THE DESIGNATION OF AN AMERICAN TO HEAD UP POLICY COORDINATION. (IN PASSING HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT NAPOLIELLO WOULD REACH RETIREMENT AGE NEXT SUMMER.)

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY CONCERNING HIS REACTIONS TO GA DECISION TO ALLOW UNIDO ONE ASG POST AND WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS HE MIGHT MAKE THEREON TO THE SYG, KHANE SAID THAT GA ACTION HAD LEFT HIM IN A DIFFICULT POSITION SINCE ANY PROPOSED APPOINTMENT TO THE POST WAS BOUND TO RAISE OBJECTIONS FROM ONE OR MORE GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS. FOR THE TIME BEING HE FORESAW NO ACTION ON IT NOR HAD HIS THINKING PROGRESSED TO THE POINT WHERE HE COULD INDICATE WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS HE MIGHT MAKE ON THE APPOINTMENT TO WALDHEIM. HE WAS PLANNING TO GO TO NEW YORK SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY WHEN HE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS WITH THE SYG AND DAVIDSON WHO MIGHT ALSO HAVE THEIR OWN IDEAS. NOR WAS HE ABLE AT THIS STAGE TO INDICATE WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THIS POSITION. WE EMPHASIZED MISSION'S INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF SECRETARIAT THINKING ABOUT THE POST. KHANE PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED BUT REITERATED THAT HE EXPECTED TO HAVE NOTHING UNTIL HIS MEETING WITH WALDHEIM.

4. WE ASKED WHETHER, IN LIGHT OF RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT ESTABLISHING TWO DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, SIMILAR POSTS WERE ENVISAGED FOR OTHER DIVISION, KHANE REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT EXCLUDED BUT THAT HE SAW NO NEED FOR THEM AT THIS STAGE. (THIS QUESTION OBVIOUSLY OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF WHAT ADDITIONAL SENIOR POSTS WE MIGHT WISH TARGET ON IN THE FUTURE.)

5. LOOKING AT CHIEF-OF-SECTION LEVEL, WE NOTED THAT OF 22 CHIEFS OF SECTION IN THE POLICY COORDINATION, STUDENTS AND OPERATIONS DIVISIONS ONLY ONE AMERICAN APPOINTMENT HAD BEEN MADE (WISCHEIDT-PRIVATE SECTOR SECTION). IN PARTICULAR, WE CALLED ATTENTION TO UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN LATTER TWO DIVISIONS IN WHICH NO US CHIEFS OF SECTION HAD BEEN APPOINTED. KHANE RESPONDED THAT WITH TRANSFER OF DOBOS (HUNGARY) TO BECOME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, POST OF CHIEF OF DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SECTION WAS OPEN (TANAKA-JAPANESE IS ACTING) AND THAT HE WOULD BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN RECEIVING US NOMINATIONS FOR THE POST IN WHICH HE COULD SEE A QUALIFIED AMERICAN BRINGING AN

IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF UNIDO. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO BRING MILLIGER FROM HIS AFRICAN SIDFA POST TO HEADQUARTERS AS A SECTION CHIEF, POSSIBLY TO TAKE OVER THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES SECTION. WE REPLIED THAT SUCH APPOINTMENTS WOULD HELP BRING AMERICAN REPRESENTATION TO A MORE SATISFACTORY LEVEL. (IN THIS CONNECTION-NOT RAISED DURING THE MEETING WITH KHANE-FAHLSTROM (SWEDEN) WHO WAS PICKED BY AFIFI TO HEAD THE IMPORTANT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION SECTION HAS REPORTEDLY ASKED TO BE TRANSFERRED NOW THAT AFIFI WILL NOT BE HIS CHIEF. SIDDIQUI, PAKISTAN D-1, WHO NOW HEADS THE INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECTION MAY TAKE FAHLSTROM'S PLACE, IN WHICH CASE WE COULD HAVE A SHOT AT THIS SECTION WHICH CONTAINS A HIGHLY COMPETENT AMERICAN-BIRITZ, P-5.)

6. COMMENT: AS INDICATED ABOVE AND IN REF A, MISSION REGARDS APPOINTMENT OF AMERICAN TO HEAD POLICY COORDINATION DIVISION AS GIVING US A KEY SENIOR POST AND, THEREFORE,

CAUSE FOR SOME SATISFACTION. MISSION WILL REPORT ANY INDICATIONS THAT KHANE REGARDS NAPOLIELLO AS SHORT-TIMER IN LINE WITH HIS REMARK NOTED ABOVE. AS FOR CHIEF OF SECTION CONCERNED WITH TECHNOLOGY, MISSION WILL DENDAVOR FURNISH DEPT WITH JOB DESCRIPTION ASAP AND MAY HAVE SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE WITH A VIEW TO GETTING NAMES TO KHANE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE SHALL ALSO APPROACH NAPOLIELLO IN ORDER TO LEARN HIS THINKING ABOUT FAHLSTROM AND SIDDIQUI'S POSSIBLE MOVE OUT OF THE INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECTION SHOULD WE WISH TO GO FOR THIS ONE. AS ASG POST, WHILE WE WOULD NOT EXPECT KHANE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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END UP WITH AMERICAN DEPUTY IN LIGHT OF THE HISTORY OF THIS MATTER, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO KEEP OURSELVES IN THE GAME AT THIS POINT BY INDICATING OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THIS APPOINTMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION USUN MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP ON DAVIDSON'S/WALDEHIM'S THINKING ABOUT FILLING THE POST. STIBRAVY

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